



The school year is right around the corner and soon students of all ages will be piling into cars or buses to gain an education for their

future. When I was a high school teacher, I fondly remember that first day of school when the energy was high with nervousness and expectation. During those years, I strove to not simply teach information but inspire students to be life-long learners.

I have tried to encourage the same spirit of exploration and learning during my years as pastor. "Disciple" means "learner". To be a follower of Jesus involves an embrace of the personal transformation that results from true learning. I pray for us all as we navigate the stormy seas of half-truths so pervasive in our culture today. Let us stay focused on our Captain, who remains the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

**Scott** ❤️

(John 8:31-32)

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 8, following worship.** Be a part of casting a vision for the unique mission our Church carries to the Island and beyond!
- **Parable Study:** A study of Jesus' parables and how they impact our daily living will begin **Thursday, Sept. 19 @ 1:30** in the **Church Library**. We'll be comparing 3 of Jesus' parables from the perspective of different Gospel authors. A link to the schedule of readings can be found on our website. Come join us for a lively discussion (No Bible knowledge necessary).
- **Online Study of John's Gospel** fires up on **Wed., Sept. 25, @ 10 am** and continues every Wednesday morning for about an hour in an open discussion of

the text and what it means for our lives. Just email the Church if interested.

- **Ladies of the Rock Drummond Island:** We are having a *Where Friends Meet* on **September 12th** from **6-8pm** at the **Township Hall**. Taco Bar will be provided with a suggested donation of \$5.00. Lorie Ogden will be speaking. Please come and get to know each other better. Let's have fun. Any questions call 527-425-2836. See you soon.



### ITEMS FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

When out shopping, if you see an item that you think a child in need would like, please pick it up. We are collecting such items for the Samaritan's Purse gift boxes and hope to have pizza and a gift box packing party in November if we collect enough items. The age groups are: 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. There are designated boy or girl boxes you may shop for, and you may drop them off at the Lighthouse Church. For many children, it is their first gift ever! School supplies sales will be coming soon. If we shop ahead, it isn't so overwhelming during the holiday season. Thank you for contributing to this mission outreach to bring the joy of Christmas and the love of Christ to some of the poorest of God's children.

**Third quarter missions** is devoted to **local outreach**. We prayerfully support individuals, families, and organizations that are here in our community. Collection Sunday is **Sept. 29**.

### Pearls of Wisdom "Who I am in Christ"

I have all my needs met by God according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

See: *Philippians 4:19*

❤️ Ruth Wise

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**BY BRAD BAURAIN**

Godliness is both our motivation and our purpose

for learning and wisdom. That being so, we shouldn't pursue it as a tiresome duty, but as a vital desire—in the same sense as we're to "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). But sins such as pride and laziness get in the way.

**Let the wise listen and add to their learning.  
PROVERBS 1:5**

Where, then, to begin? "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Why? Because God is the Creator. He made it all! That makes Him the source of all knowledge. A right relationship with Him is therefore the key to all learning, just as godliness is the motivation and true purpose for all learning.

What else do we understand about learning in these initial verses of Proverbs? We see that learning and wisdom are the foundation for other virtues, including prudence, righteousness, justice, and discretion (vv. 3-4). We also see that learning is ongoing—the wise are always looking to listen and add to their wisdom (v. 5). They've never "arrived." In this way, wisdom distinguishes itself from foolishness and immaturity (v. 7). Finally, our first source of learning is our parents, and they should thus be honored (vv. 8-9). We are commanded to love God with all our heart and our *mind* (Luke 10:27). Of course, godly learning involves more than just one's mind, but certainly not less. Learning is loving plus obedience!

**Pray with Us**

*We value learning and knowledge because we serve the God of Truth. You created our minds, and we submit them to You. Refine our*

*thinking and train us to recognize how everything relates to You.*

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**September Birthdays**

- 4. Poo Wilson
- 6. Ann Method-Green
- 14. Julie Klop
- 12. Lynn Flannigan

**September Anniversaries**

- 11. Eldon & Vivienne Seaman

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)



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